

E-Waste

Improper disposal of electronic waste that contains heavy metals and pollutants poses a significant threat to human health, leading to respiratory illness, skin infections, stomach disease and other conditions.

Recycling your waste electronics saves resources and protects the earth because new metals don't have to be mined.

When being recycled or disposed of, computer and television monitors contain cathode ray tubes, which typically contain enough lead to be classified as hazardous waste. A typical computer monitor may contain up to eight pounds of lead.

In addition, some researchers estimate that nearly 75 percent of old electronics are in storage, in part because of the uncertainty of how to manage the materials. Combine this with increasing advances in technology and new products headed towards the market and it is no wonder that "e-waste" is a popular topic.

Visit the following sites for additional information on e-waste:

www.ciwmb.ca.gov/electronics
www.dtsc.ca.gov/hazardousWaste/CRTs/SB20
www.ecycle.org
www.rbrc.org/index.html



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(Electronic Waste)



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E-waste is a popular, informal name for electronic products nearing the end of their "useful life." Computers, televisions, VCRs, stereos, copiers, digital cameras, cell phones, video games and fax machines are common electronic products. Many of these products can be reused, refurbished, or recycled. Unfortunately, electronic discards are one of the fastest growing segments of our nation's waste stream.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is "E-waste" Clearly Defined?

The term "e-waste" is loosely applied to consumer and business electronic equipment that is near or at the end of its useful life. There is no clear definition for e-waste; for instance whether or not items like microwave ovens and other similar "appliances" should be grouped into the category has not been established.

What Should I Do with My Electronic Discards?

The mantra of "**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**" applies here. **Reduce** your generation of e-waste through smart procurement and good maintenance. **Reuse** still functioning electronic equipment by donating or selling it to someone who can still use it. **Recycle** those components that cannot be repaired.

LOCAL COMPUTER RECYCLING & REUSE COMPANIES

RECYCLING & COLLECTION SITES

Facility Name

Phone Number

Metech Int., LLC

(408) 848-3050

6200 Engle Way
Gilroy, CA 95020
www.metech-arm.com

(Gilroy residents only - call to make an appointment)

Best Buy

(408) 847-0325

7011 Camino Arroyo
<http://tradein.bestbuy.com>

(Trade in products must be in working condition, include intact serial numbers, and be accompanied by all factory remotes, cables, cords, any rechargeable batteries- products will be tested)

Thomas Recycling

(408) 846-7288

Gilroy, Ca 95020
roxnfox@msn.com

(Call to make an appointment - Will accept TV & PC accessories only)

Western Recycling

(408) 779-1781

16290 Railroad
Morgan Hill, Ca 95037

(No appointment necessary. All Ewaste welcomed)

To locate additional collectors/recyclers please visit the following website:
[www.ciwmb.ca.gov/
Electronics/Act2003/
Recovery/Approved](http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Electronics/Act2003/Recovery/Approved)



E-Waste Materials:

- Computer Monitors
Television Sets
TV/VCR combos
...or anything else with a Cathode Ray Tube
- Computers
CPUs
Keyboards
Printers
Scanners
...or any other computer peripheral
- Personal Electronics
Cell Phones



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